



# Bordertown Sams

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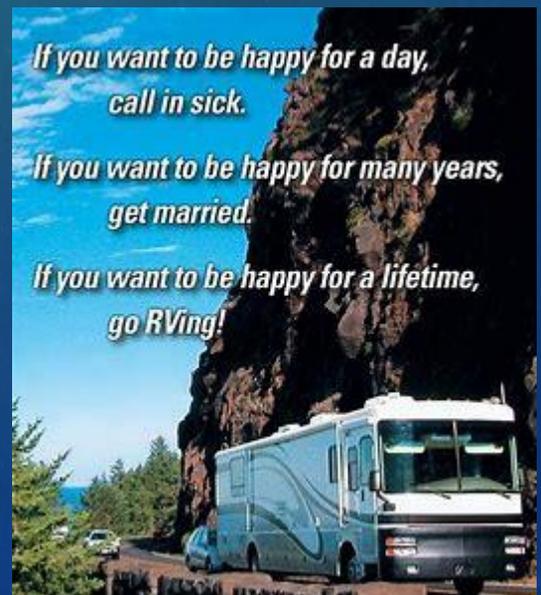
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**Texas Good Sam Chapter Standard Operating Procedure: Article I** - It is the purpose of the TEXAS GOOD SAM CHAPTERS to promote the use and enjoyment of recreational vehicles and outdoor fellowship among its members through trips and group activities. The State Organization shall maintain an attitude which is strictly non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-sectional, non-racial, non-denominational and non-discriminatory, and shall be dedicated to bringing together people interested in the ideals and principals of the Good Sam Club.

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# Blaze-n-Saddle RV Park

## Tucumcari, NM

Tucumcari...A little town on the mother road, drenched in history. Started as a railroad town, originally named Rag Town - later became known as Six Shooter Siding because of its rowdy nature. The stories reflected from the locals were fascinating with memories of the Wild, Wild West. We visited the Historical Museum. The Railroad Museum, and of course, Route 66. Russell's Travel Center housed an incredible car museum and items from the rock-n-roll era - Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe memorabilia. Ute Lake State Park is big...with a nice RV park. Blaze-N-Saddle RV Park was nice although small, and the owners were awesome. We had blast!

Charlie and Lynne weren't going to let anything stop them from making this trip. Cruises, other trips, rig purchasing, and perhaps Mother's Day prevented anyone else from going. Thank you, Lynne, for sharing all the pictures and allowing the rest of us to enjoy the trip through your eyes.

The beginning of the trip found Lynne & Charlie at the Route 66 Monument in Tucumcari and the Route 66 Museum. The weather was great. Although the RV park was on the small side, the new owners were very nice folk. A trip to the Mesalands Dinosaur Museum was interesting and informational. The town of Tucumcari has a wealth of history as evidenced in the Tucumcari Historical Museum. Russell's Travel Center was much more than just a fuel stop with a grocery store and a great restaurant. Lynne mentioned, "The restaurant was great. I forget from my truckin' days. You get fed real good." The owner stated he has 15 barns, yes 15, full of stuff. The car museum located inside the travel center is his private collection.

Heading home Sunday, Lynne and Charlie stopped at Ute Lake State Park – in the middle of nowhere. The state park has a huge RV park with some 50-amp sites and water (no sewer though). The sites are gigantic, and the 13-mile long lake touts great fishing.

Again, thanks for sharing with us Lynne. You're awesome!

The adventure begins – smile!



Charlie at the Route 66 Monument



# Route 66 Museum



# Mesalands Dinosaur Museum



Charlie's checking out the Smilodon – saber-tooth cat

Lynne and the Torvosaurus – The Jurassic Wrestler



# Tucumcari Historical Museum



Russell's



Travel



Center



Charlie and "The Duke"



Ute Lake  
State Park



Mama Ts  
Road to Ruin  
Logan, NM

No May  
birthdays



Barbara and Willie 5/29

Just for  
Giggles

A hitch-hiker is taken by an elderly couple in a recreational vehicle. During the trip, the husband says "152," and the couple laughs.

Then the wife says "365," and they also laugh.

The hitchhiker asks, "What's the deal with these numbers?"

The old man replies: "We've been telling each other jokes for such a long time that we memorized and numbered them all, and now only refer to them by numbers."

A few minutes after hearing that, the hitchhiker says "984," and the couple heartily laughs for quite some time.

The hitchhiker asks, "Is it that funny?"

The old man replies, "No, but it's the first time we've heard this one!"



# Member News & Happenings

There've been some exciting things going on!

- Bob and Kathy bought a new second home.
- Victor and Melinda are out cruising the Carribbean.
- Jim and Lisa transported their rig from Tucson to Phoenix. Hope that window finally gets fixed.
- Greg has a grand-daughter – ask him to see pictures.



The new home



Cruising along in the Carribbean



# Rv-ing Tips

## Is your rig overweight? How do you know?

Don't risk traveling in an overloaded vehicle. Not only does extra weight accelerate wear and tear on your RV, but if you're involved in an accident, expect a weigh-in to be performed. An overweight vehicle may void any insurance claims and might find you liable. Don't take chances with this. (Information from Kampgrounds of America, Inc. (KOA))

If you don't know what your RV weighs, you're probably overloaded.

Take your rig to a local scale, and give yourself a peace of mind.

## Yes, the destination is important, but Rving is really about the journey.

When planning a trip, try not to cram too much into one trip. You'll initially feel "free," but it's also an easy way to "burn out" if you don't schedule in some "down time."

Take time to fully enjoy the stops along the way on your trip. Never drive more than 500 miles per day...actually 400 miles is "pushing it," especially if the driving isn't shared.

Many Rvers use the 2/2/2 rule. The first 2 stands for limiting your drive to 200 miles per day. This allows you to keep things manageable and gives more time to relax and enjoy adventures. This is also the easiest "2" to break. The second piece of the 2/2/2 rule is to stop every two hours and take a break. Fuel up you rig, stretch your legs, walk the dogs, go to the restroom, eat lunch. Just take a break! If you are driving longer, be in your campsite by 2 PM. No one likes to set up in the dark, and the campground might already be closed when you arrive. Consider that if you don't have reservations, the campground may be full. Stopping by 2 PM gives you time to enjoy the evening, relax, and get a good night's sleep. You'll be better prepared for the next day...especially if you're back on the road. The final part of 2/2/2 is stay two nights in each place. Hitching/unhitching and daily driving can lead to weariness and exhaustion. If you do stay only one night, take a walk or visit a point of interest to burn up the pent-up energy from traveling all day.

An alternate to the 2/2/2 rule is the 3/3/3 rule. It's basically the same concept: drive no more than 300 miles per day. Arrive at camp by 3 PM. Stay three nights, or don't travel hard for more than three days in a row. There is no need to "get tired."

So, rather than cramming as much travel as possible into a few days' time, take the time to allow yourself to enjoy the stops along your trip – see and learn new things. Give yourself time to recover from driving. Indulge yourself in watching a movie or your favorite show. And remember...yes, you do want to get to your destination; however, the important thing is the journey.

# Next Stop...

Join us as we head back to **Twin Spruce RV** in Ruidoso, NM. You can't help but enjoy the cooler weather in the mountains of Ruidoso once June hits El Paso. There's never a lack of anything to do.

- Enjoy wine tasting.
- Take a drive to Ski Apache.
- Walk around downtown.
- Check out shows at Spencer Theater – Bob Will's Texas Playboys will be performing Western Swing music dating back to 1933 on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Take a drive to and walk around Alto Lake.
- Visit the Hubbard Museum of the American West: \$7/adult, \$5 senior or military
- Fish at Grindstone Lake – permits available at the lake (weekend parking reservations required in advance)
- Enjoy the many restaurants



Ski Apache in the summer



Spencer Theater



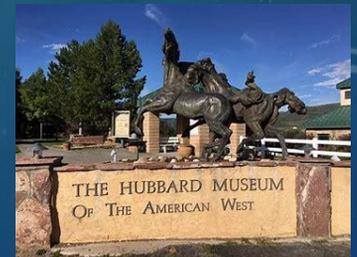
Grindstone Lake



Twin Spruce



Alto Lake



Downtown Ruidoso



Inn of the Mountain Gods

# Check Out our Local Area!

Looking for something to do when you're not out travelling? Checkout the following links:

- [Destination El Paso](#)
- [Tour Texas – El Paso](#)

Do you know of any other sites/links with what's going on in El Paso? Please share.

Check out new places to eat. They're popping up all across town. Share what you like or disliked, and it will be added to a future newsletter. Tim and I enjoyed breakfast at **Salt and Honey Bakery Café**. It appears to be a repurposed, old building. The décor and atmosphere was great. The food was delicious. Coffee was great. The menu isn't a standard breakfast fare, but there's something for everyone.

There are plenty of farmers' markets going on around town

Tim and I took a lazy drive on the back roads to Old Mesilla. We walked around the plaza then strolled down to **FarMesilla** for brunch. The day turned out relaxing and enjoyable.

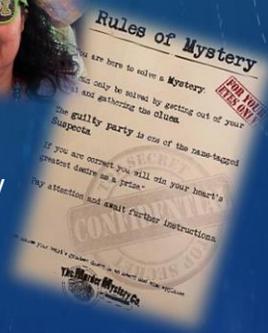
Wilson and Dolores (with best friends) enjoyed a Murder Mystery Dinner at The Manor at Ten Eleven.



Old Mesilla



80s to Death  
Murder Mystery  
Dinner



Salt + Honey  
Bakery Café



FarMesilla



# Bordertown Sams

## 2022 Outing Destinations

<https://bordertownsams.weebly.com/outingevents-calendar.html>

	Month	Dates	Location	Contact Information	Location
✓	January	28-30 FRI-SUN	Caballo Lake, NM 116 miles	<u>Caballo Lake</u> 575-743-3942 (park) 877-664-7787 (reservations)	
✓	February	18-21 FRI-MON (Presidents' Day)	Tombstone, AZ 299 miles	<u>Tombstone RV Park &amp; Campground</u> 520-457-3829 (Kim)	
X	March	25-27 FRI-SUN	Roswell, NM 219 miles	<u>Bottomless Lakes</u> 575-988-3638 (park) 877-664-7787 (reservations)	
✓	April	7-10 THU-SUN	Canton, TX 690 miles	<u>Canton Civic Center</u> <a href="http://TexasGoodSam.com">TexasGoodSam.com</a>	
✓	May	5-8 THU	Tucumcari, NM 326 miles	<u>Blaze-in-Saddle RV Park</u> 575-815-4085 (Silvio)	
	June	24-26 FRI-SUN	Ruidoso, NM 164 miles	<u>Twin Spruce RV</u> 575-257-4310	
	July	15-17 FRI-SUN	Mayhill, NM 125 miles	<u>Deer Spring RV Park</u> 575-687-3464 (Sandy)	
	August	18-21 THU-SUN	Grants, NM 325 miles	<u>Lavaland</u> 575-287-8665 (Zack)	
	September	23-25 FRI-SUN	Fort Davis, TX 199 miles	<u>Davis Mountains State Park</u> 432-426-3337 (park) 512-389-8900 (reservations)	
	October	20-23 THU-SUN	Bulverde, TX 538 miles	<u>TX 281 RV Park</u> 830-980-2282 (Betty)	
	November	18-20 FRI-SUN	Elephant Butte, NM 130 miles	<u>Elephant Butte Lake RV Resort</u> 575-744-5996 (Barbara)	
	December	2-4 FRI-SUN	Las Cruces, NM 51 miles	<u>Hacienda RV Resort</u> 575-528-5800 (Jenny)	

- See minutes or Wagonmaster for more information
- All mileage is from El Paso International Airport

# Meeting Summary

April's meeting was held at Great American. We started with an icebreaker/minute-to-win-it activity. Dropping cotton balls from the tip of your nose into a cup proved difficult for some of us. Eggs with tickets inside were given out, and as your number was called, there were small gifts to choose from. Thanks to those who donated something.

Victor called the meeting to order and led us in prayer. Bob led us in the Pledge.

March minutes were reviewed and treasurer's report was given.

Birthdays were announced.

Victor provided major points from the Texas Good Sam Rally. Chuck Hayes (currently the webmaster) will become the new state director on January 1. Location of the rally may change due to increased costs. Membership rosters will be sent out in October.

Bob covered upcoming outings. Start thinking about 2023 locations/events we'd like to visit. It's time to start putting an outing committee together.

Melinda collected diapers for the Annual VA Diaper Shower.

Those interested in Fiesta! 2022 rally patches submitted names. We are in the process of getting those patches.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09. Next meeting is Thursday, May 12, at Great American Steakburger on Yarbrough: dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00.



Thanks for being good sports and playing along!



Hi all!!

Check out [Bordertownsams.weebly.com](http://Bordertownsams.weebly.com). We will be keeping this website for now. Check it out and give suggestions/ideas on what you'd like to see included.

Think about Rving trips and memories and moments you/we created. Please share. Members enjoy reading them.

What do you think of the new section, **Check Out Our Local Area**? Do you have a place, an event, a restaurant, an activity you'd like to share? Please do! I look forward to some great ideas.



## Wagonmaster message

It's that time again...time to organize an outing committee and to start creating the 2023 schedule. If you're interested in being on the committee, give me (Bob) a holler.

Keep thinking of places you'd like to visit (or revisit).

Maybe there's a special event you'd like to attend. We can search the area for RV parks.

Perhaps you have a favorite park you'd like to go to...again and again. Nothing wrong with that.

You can email, text, send a Signal message, or share suggestions at our meetings.

## Sunshine & Cheer

Keep Barbara posted of those things that happen in life.



April showers bring May flowers

(well in El Paso, it's a sprinkler or hose)

